4. Kothagudam (T) Stage-V (Unit 9 & 10)	2×250—500	Env. clearance (Centre and State), water availability (Centre and State), trans. system, ash management plan are amongst the clearances not confirmed. Compliance of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and environmental and forest clearance are awaited.

OECF Financing of Country's Power Projects

1003. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a team of OECF (Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund) Japan has visited India and held discusions with Government regarding extension of financial assistance to power projects in central sector, in April, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details of the projects OECF has agreed to finance;

(c) whether NTPC pose the Kayamkulam Power Project for OECF's financing and convince them about the feasibility of rail transportation/shipment of coal for the project on which their agreement to finance the project mainly depends;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Japanese Government and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan are appraising the power projects posed to them for financial assistance by the Government of India for the year 1993-94. Among the projects posed is Kayamkulam TPS project of NTPC. No communication has been received from OECF or the Government of Japan regarding grant of financial assistance for any project.

Joint Ventures of NTPC with Private Sector

1004. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to enter into joint ventures of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) with private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such joint venture projects have already been finalised, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what kind of format in terms of structure will there be for such joint ventures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Thermal Power